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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PAK COTTON YARN SALE TO NORTH VIETNAM

REF: ISLAMABAD 1930

1. GOP'S INFORMATION RE PRIVATE SALE OF YARN (PARA 1 ISLAMABAD 1688) IS CORRECT, AND IS BASED ON DISCUSSIONS PAK EMBASSY OFFICERS HELD WITH USDA AND AID. HOWEVER, THESE CONVERSATIONS ALSO UNDERLINED PROBLEM POSED BY POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF SPIRIT OF RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION-- I.E., REPORTED SALE PROJECT MAY BE SEEN AS RESPONDING TO GOP PROMPTING, RATHER THAN BEING STRICTLY PRIVATE UNDER-TAKING OVER WHICH GOP HAS NO CONTROL. WE, OF COURSE, CAN-NOT PLACE OURSELVES IN POSITION OF ASSURING GOP THAT

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PROPOSED TRANSACTION DOES NOT RPT NOT VIOLATE SPIRIT OF

LEGISLATION OR THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS MIGHT NOT
VIEW SUCH ACTIONS AS EFFORTS TO CIRCUMVENT CLEAR STATUTORY
INTENT. INDEED, GOP'S APPARENT NERVOUSNESS THIS REGARD
(REFTEL) SUGGESTS THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS ASPECT OF PROBLEM.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THIS DIFFICULTY IN CONVERSATIONS
WITH MFA.

3. DECONTROL 1 YEAR. INGERSOLL

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